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Minutes

May 13, 2014

Electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings were notified that the Annual Town Budget Meeting of the Town of Ellington was to be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Ellington High School, 37 Maple Street, Ellington, CT to consider the following:

To discuss and vote upon resolutions:

1. To approve the 5-year road reconstruction/overlay repair plan [pursuant to CGS Sec. 13a-99], as recommended by the Director of Public Works.
2. To accept prepaid grants and funds fully reimbursable for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2015, and to appropriate the same to the Board of Education in a sum not to exceed \$1,618,119, as recommended by the Board of Education.
3. To determine that municipal tax shall be paid in two (2) installments for real estate and personal property tax in excess of six hundred (600) dollars and motor vehicle tax to be paid in one (1) installment with designated due dates as stated in the Connecticut State Statutes, Sections 12-142, 12-144, 12-144a and Public Act 77-343, Section 2 and to waive any property tax due in an amount less than five dollars as stated in the Connecticut State Statutes, Section 12-144c, as recommended by the Tax Collector.

4. Entering into a four-year lease agreement for the purchase of Board of Education System-wide Technology Equipment for Windermere School and Ellington Middle School in an amount not to exceed \$285,455.
5. Entering into a four-year lease agreement for the purchase of a Street Sweeper Replacement for the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.
6. To adjourn the Annual Town Budget Meeting to a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Ellington High School, 37 Maple Street, Ellington, CT, with one question:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON APPROPRIATE, AS RECOMMENDED AND AS ALLOCATED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE, THE TOTAL SUM FOR ALL EXPENDITURES, A/K/A BUDGET GRAND TOTAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015, THE SUM OF \$51,577,732?"

First Selectman Maurice Blanchette called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and asked for nominations for a moderator.

MOVED Robert Clements **SECONDED** Mary Blanchette to nominate Mark Leighton as Moderator. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Blanchette called for a vote.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Leighton announced that the full text of this meeting has been made available to all in attendance.

He then asked for a motion to waive the public reading of the Notice.

MOVED Maurice Blanchette **SECONDED** Robert Clements to waive the reading of the full notice.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Leighton entertained the motions in order as warned:

Item #1. Road reconstruction and overlay repair plan.

MOVED Maurice Blanchette **SECONDED** Robert Clements to approve the 5-year road reconstruction/overlay repair plan as warned.

Discussion: Joe Burns, 228 Windsorville Rd. asked about repairing and straightening Windsorville Rd. Public Works Director Tim Webb asked Mr. Burns to call his office to discuss this as Windsorville Rd. is not part of this year's plan.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Item #2. Board of Education pre-paid grants.

MOVED Kris Wambolt **SECONDED** Dan Keune to approve the BOE pre-paid grants as warned.

No discussion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3. Municipal tax installments.

MOVED Mary Blanchette **SECONDED** Robert Clements to approve the municipal tax installment plan as warned.

No discussion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

Item #4. Board of Education Technology Equipment lease agreement.

MOVED Tracy Kiff-Judson **SECONDED** Michael Purcaro to approve the BOE Technology equipment lease agreement as warned.

Discussion: Joe Burns asked which vendor was chosen. Mr. Cullinan, Superintendent of Schools, stated that the BOE must use the State bid list and the lowest bid is taken.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Item #5: DPW Street Sweeper lease agreement.

MOVED Maurice Blanchette **SECONDED** Mary Blanchette to approve the DPW street sweeper lease agreement as warned.

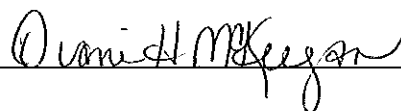
No discussion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Item #6. Adjourn Annual Town Budget Meeting to a referendum.

Discussion: Joe Burns expressed his disappointment that \$28,000 was cut from the Senior Center, while the Town is allowing tax abatements for local businesses. He would like to know how many tax dollars are being lost through this program.

Hearing no further questions, the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. to a referendum to be held at Ellington High School Auditorium on May 20, 2014 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk